



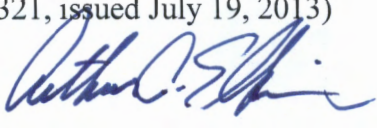
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Response to Region 4's Proposed Management Decision on the report, *Projected Emission Reductions Overstated and Buy American Requirements Not Met Under EPA Award to the Tennessee Department of Transportation* (Report No. 13-R-0321, issued July 19, 2013)

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**TO:** Heather McTeer Toney, Regional Administrator  
Region 4

On December 28, 2013, we received a hotline complaint that relates to issues discussed in the subject audit report. Before we issue a response to the acting Regional Administrator's proposed management decision of December 10, 2013, we need to evaluate the merits of the complaint and assess potential impacts it may have on the resolution of the audit.

We therefore request that the resolution of the audit be suspended pending the Office of Inspector General review of the hotline complaint.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Rich Eyermann, acting Assistant Inspector General for Audit, at (202) 566-0565 or [eyermann.richard@epa.gov](mailto:eyermann.richard@epa.gov); or Robert Adachi, Product Line Director, at (415) 947-4537 or [adachi.robert@epa.gov](mailto:adachi.robert@epa.gov).

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